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H.R. No. 448

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The family and friends of Ethel Lamone Hamilton King
2 were deeply saddened by the passing of this extraordinary educator
3 and community volunteer on March 22, 2006, at the age of 72; and

4 WHEREAS, Born on March 1, 1934, in Waco, Mrs. King attended
5 public schools in the Waco area and graduated from A. J. Moore High
6 School at the top of her class when she was 15 years old; she
7 attended Spelman College in Atlanta, Georgia, and then transferred
8 to Huston-Tillotson College in Austin, where she graduated with
9 honors; Mrs. King earned her master's degree in counseling, special
10 education, and guidance at Texas Southern University, and she later
11 worked toward her Ph.D. in education at East Texas State
12 University; and

13 WHEREAS, Mrs. King applied her education to build a
14 successful career that began with teaching nursing and serving as
15 dean of women at Paul Quinn College as well as teaching special
16 education in the Temple ISD; after transferring to the Waco ISD,
17 Mrs. King worked for Barton Springs Elementary School, Sul Ross
18 Elementary, and South Waco Junior High School; during the summer
19 months she taught reading at Paul Quinn College, which led her to
20 become the director of the Right to Read program; and

21 WHEREAS, Having accumulated a wealth of education and
22 experience, Mrs. King took a position with the Region XII Education
23 Service Center, where she was instrumental in promoting and
24 implementing the educational guidelines for schools in Central

1 Texas; her final workplace was the Mexia ISD, which she ably served
2 as an educational diagnostician and supervisor; in this capacity,
3 she was influential in the development and socialization of
4 special-needs children; and

5 WHEREAS, In addition to being a prominent educator, Mrs. King
6 was a tireless volunteer for Meals on Wheels, Muscular Dystrophy,
7 YWCA, and the Sickle Cell Anemia Association of Central Texas; she
8 also selflessly served the New Hope Baptist Church as a member of
9 the trustee board and finance committee, member of the adult choir,
10 president and treasurer of the Women's Mission Auxiliary, and
11 stewardship restoration committee board member; and

12 WHEREAS, Mrs. King focused her energies and talents to
13 benefit Jack and Jill of America, Inc., serving as a national
14 nominating committee chairperson, regional secretary-treasurer,
15 regional parliamentarian, and regional associate chairperson, and
16 working in each office of the local Waco chapter; the first
17 chairperson of both the Waco Debutante and Beautillion Society
18 Balls, she was a life member and served as lead teen sponsor until
19 her passing; considered to be the only member of the national
20 organization with consecutive membership for 45 years, Mrs. King
21 was named "The Diva" of the South Central Region of Jack and Jill of
22 America, Inc.; and

23 WHEREAS, She also held memberships in the Gamma Upsilon
24 Chapter of the National Sorority of Phi Delta Kappa, Inc., the Texas
25 Educational Diagnosticians' Association, the Texas Southern
26 University Alumni Association, the Huston-Tillotson Alumni
27 Association, and the A. J. Moore High School Alumni Association;

1 and

2 WHEREAS, The recipient of myriad accolades, Mrs. King was
3 honored by the mayor of Waco for her work with the American
4 Revolution Bicentennial Commission of Waco in 1975, and she was
5 recognized by the Waco Youth Center for Volunteer Services in 1999;
6 and

7 WHEREAS, Although she is profoundly missed by her loved ones,
8 her spirit will continue to live on in their hearts, and her legacy
9 of service will benefit future generations of Texans; now,
10 therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas
12 Legislature, 3rd Called Session, hereby pay tribute to the life of
13 Ethel Lamone Hamilton King and extend sincere sympathy to the
14 members of her family: to her son, Edwin D. King; to her sisters,
15 Novella H. Corzine, Cecile H. McQuirter, and Theresa H. Jackson; to
16 her foster sister, Ouida Lumpkins; and to her many other relatives
17 and friends; and, be it further

18 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
19 prepared for her family and that when the Texas House of
20 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Ethel
21 Lamone Hamilton King.